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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT (ADVANCE COPY) OF LETTER WHICH WILL BE
TRANSMITTED

SHORTLY BY UNHCR TO GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE PROSPECTIVE DONORS TO
UN RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CYPRUS:

QTE I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS RESULTING
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FROM THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND TO THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 20 AUGUST 1974, THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, TO APPOINT ME AS THE UNITED NATIONS COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN CYPRUS.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CYPRUS AFTER A FIVE-DAY VISIT, DURING WHICH I WAS ABLE, WITH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES, TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY IN THE ISLAND FOR AN ON-THE-SPOT ASSESSMENT OF HUMANITARIAN NEEDS. BESIDES THOUSANDS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS AS A RESULT OF EVENTS, AND HAVE MOVED FROM ONE AREA OF CONTROL TO ANOTHER, THERE IS ALSO A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS IN THE TURKISH AREA AND OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THE GREEK AREA, WHOSE PLIGHT IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF THE UPROOTED.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS BELONGING TO BOTH COMMUNITIES WHO MAY REQUIRE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN VARYING DEGREES, ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS NEEDS, MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF 225,000. IT IS CLEAR THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IMMEDIATE AND MORE EXTENSIVE ACTION IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE SHORT-TERM NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE. APPRECIABLE AID IS AT PRESENT BEING PROVIDED THROUGH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CHANNELS, INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR,

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS AND THE EXISTING UNITED NATIONS STRUCTURE IN CYPRUS. UNHCR'S ROLE IS TO BRING THE ASSISTANCE UP TO A LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH THE NEEDS AND, THROUGH APPROPRIATE COORDINATION, TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

FULL DETAILS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMING MONTHS ARE AT PRESENT BEING WORKED OUT AND COSTED AND WILL SHORTLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

MEANWHILE, URGENT NEEDS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF MEDICAMENTS AND FOODSTUFFS AS WELL AS SHELTER INCLUDING TENTS, BLANKETS AND CAMP BEDS, MERIT IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND IT IS PROPOSED THAT AN INTERIM ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING EFFORTS.

URGENT NEEDS HITHERTO IDENTIFIED CAN BE SATISFIED AT THIS
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STAGE THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNTING TO US\$9 MILLION. I DEEM IT IS MY DUTY TO APPEAL NOW FOR THESE FUNDS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL BE APPROACHING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN ENDEAVOR WHICH MY OFFICE IS COORDINATING.

I WOULD FURTHER STRESS THAT AN EARLY INDICATION BY YOUR GOVERNMENT OF THE EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE IN CASH OR KIND, INCLUDING TRANSPORT FACILITIES BY AIR AND SEA, AT THIS STAGE OR LATER, WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THE PROPER PLANNING OF THE HUMANITARIAN ACTION THAT MY OFFICE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO COORDINATE. I NEED HARDLY ADD THAT THE NEED TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERING OF HUGE MASSES OF INNOCENT VICTIMS OF EVENTS IN CYPRUS DESERVES YOUR URGENT AND GENEROUS ATTENTION.

A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS BEING SENT TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

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2. MISSION VERY MUCH APPRECIATES DETAILED INFORMATION CONTAINED STATE 190217 CONCERNING RELIEF ASSISTANCE TOTALLING \$3,140,781 PROVIDED BY USG TO CYPRUS TO DATE. MISSION HAS SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH BOTH UNHCR AND ICRC.
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